

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6030

As Passed Senate, March 12, 1999

Title: An act relating to the Lewis and Clark Highway.

Brief Description: Expanding the designation of the Lewis and Clark Highway.

Sponsors: Senator Snyder.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/3/99, 3/4/99 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/12/99, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Goings, Vice Chair; Benton, Costa, Eide, Finkbeiner, Heavey, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Morton, Oke, Sellar, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

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Background: In 1955, the Legislature established the Lewis and Clark highway. The Lewis and Clark highway began in Vancouver and extended east through Kennewick, Walla Walla and Pomeroy, and continued to the Washington-Idaho state line. Since then, the Legislature has modified the Lewis and Clark highway designation on three separate occasions in order to remain contemporary with the renaming of state highways and to extend the designation west to Ilwaco. The last update was in 1970.

In January of 1999, the Washington State Historical Society, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, and the Washington State Department of Transportation completed a draft Interpretive and Tourism Plan that commemorates the bicentennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The plan includes public involvement, site assessments of the Lewis and Clark expedition and makes recommendations for the entire trail corridor in Washington.

A recommendation of this draft plan is to include "missing links" along the Lewis and Clark highway and serves as the basis for this legislation.

Summary of Bill: The Lewis and Clark Highway is modified to include missing links identified in the Interpretive and Tourism Plan for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

The missing links include all or portions of State Route 193, State Route 395, State Route 82, State Route 432, State Route Spur/Alternate Route 101, State Route Loop 100 and Route Spur 100, and State Route 103.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Completing the missing links in the Lewis and Clark Highway designation will provide a more historically correct account of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Lewis and Clark's journals document travels along the Long Beach Peninsula that parallel State Route 100 and State Route 103. This is the first recommendation in the Interpretive and Tourism Plan for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Senator Snyder, prime sponsor; Nabil Shawa, City of Long Beach; David Nicandri, WA State Historical Society; Rex Ziak, Pacific County; Dale Jacobsen.